

NOTICES OF SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENTS

The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)). Substantive policy statements are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice. Substantive policy statements are advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties you may petition the agency under A.R.S. § 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

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BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

1. Subject of the substantive policy statement and the substantive policy statement number by which the policy statement is referenced:

Chiropractic therapeutic use of lasers

2. Date the substantive policy statement was issued and the effective date of the policy statement if different from the issuance date:

November 13, 2003

3. Summary of the contents of the substantive policy statement:

A laser approved by the Federal Drug Administration for therapeutic use is acceptable as a treatment device provided the laser is used within the scope of the practice of chiropractic in the state. A license issued by the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency is required for each laser with a IIIB or above classification. A doctor of chiropractic is responsible for obtaining the appropriate license, adhering to the laws governing the use of the laser, and knowing and applying the appropriate protocol for use of the laser.

The statutes and rules applicable to chiropractic assistants apply when an unlicensed person uses a laser. Any contradicting rule that appears outside of the Chiropractic Act does not supersede the statutes and rules governing the practice of chiropractic.

4. A statement as to whether the substantive policy statement is a new statement or a revision:

This is a new statement.

5. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom questions and comments about the substantive policy statement may be directed:

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6. Information about where a person may obtain a copy of the substantive policy statement and the costs for obtaining the policy statement:

Copies of the substantive policy statement can be obtained at no cost from the internet (www.azchiroboard.com) or from the person listed in item #5.